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TRUMP TO MEET FBI DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

President Donald Trump on Wednesday will interview four candidates for the position of director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, White House spokesman Sean Spicer told reporters. Spicer, who was aboard Air Force One with Trump, said the president would meet with acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, former Connecticut Senator Joe



Lieberman and former senior FBI official Richard McFeely. The position was left vacant after Trump fired James Comey. **REUTERS**

ISIS MINING MOSUL TO STOP FLEEING FAMILIES

Islamic State militants are planting bombs near front doors in Mosul to prevent civilians leaving, as Iraqi forces make their final push against the jihadists after months of fighting. Trapped in a shrinking area of the city, the militants are using the several hundred thousand civilians under their control as human shields to avoid being targeted or perhaps tarnish what Iraqi leaders describe as imminent victory.

Backed by a U.S.-led coalition, Iraqi forces have made gains since opening a new front in northwest Mosul this month and have now dislodged Islamic State from all but about 5 square miles of the city. The militants still control the Old City, where they are expected to make their last stand in the densely populated, narrow streets that are impassable for armored vehicles, forcing Iraqi forces to advance on foot. **REUTERS**

PUTIN OFFERS TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING

Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that U.S. President Donald Trump had not divulged any secrets during a meeting in Washington with Russian officials and offered to prove it by supplying Congress with a transcript. But a leading U.S. Republican politician said he would have little faith in any notes Putin might supply. Two U.S. officials said on Monday Trump had disclosed classified



information about a planned Islamic State operation to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov when they met last week, plunging the White House into a fresh controversy just four months into Trump's tenure. Trump has defended his decision to discuss intelligence with the Russians. **REUTERS**

DC PHOTOS

(Left) Dan Scavino Jr., White House director of social media, right, speaks with Sean Spicer, White House press secretary, outside the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S., on Wednesday.

(Right) House Democrats display a photograph of President Donald Trump welcoming Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to the White House during a news conference at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, DC.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

GOOGLE CHALLENGES APPLE'S SIRI

Alphabet Inc.'s Google said on Wednesday it would make its digital assistant available on Apple Inc.'s iPhone, making a play for the higher end of the smartphone market and challenging Apple's Siri feature on its own devices. The announcement heralds a step by Google, whose Android system runs on the majority of the world's smartphones, to get a foothold on Apple's phones,

which have smaller market share but are used by people who tend to spend more on technology. It comes as Google, Apple and Amazon.com Inc. are competing to establish the dominant voice-powered digital assistant, which many in the industry believe will supplant keyboards and touch screens as a primary way that users interact with technology.

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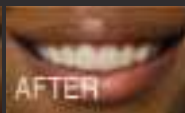
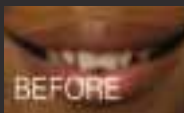
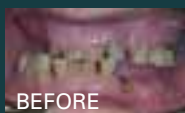
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Many ate lunch outside at the South Street Seaport. LENYON WHITAKER



Beachgoers enjoyed the warm weather at Coney Island. LUC KORDAS



People soaked in the sun at South Street Seaport on Wednesday afternoon. LENYON WHITAKER

Are you ready for the near-record temps expected in NYC this week?

Don't worry: We've got some tips on how to survive this less-than-lovely time of year in the concrete jungle.



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New Yorkers will get a taste of summer in the city this week as near-record temperatures are expected to take us into the weekend.

Wednesday's high was expected to be 87, but temperatures in the city reached 90 by the end of the day, according to the National Weather Service. Today is expected to hit 90 as well. Friday will reach a high near 86

with a slight chance of thunderstorms, but if that day's temperature hits 90 or above, New York will have had three days in a row at 90 or above, which will give the city its first heat wave of 2017.

Friday's expected thunderstorms will usher in a low near 57 that night, while Saturday and Sunday should be sunny with refreshing temps in the mid-60s.

While you should already know to do this, let us give you a friendly reminder to be sure to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen if you're out and about during these hot days.

Additionally, the NWS has issued an air-quality alert that will be in effect until 10 p.m. today for Suffolk, Nas-

sau, Richmond, Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Westchester and Rockland counties. If you are sensitive to elevated levels of pollutants, have a respiratory problem such as asthma or heart disease, you should try to

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NEW YORK CITY'S HIGH
TEMP. ON WEDNESDAY

limit strenuous outdoor activity and contact your doctor.

If you're already dreading the sweat dripping down your back as you traverse the sidewalks or wait on a sauna-like subway platform praying

to get an air-conditioned train car, we have some tips on how to beat the heat these next few days:

Get thee an AC

The New York region can expect a few more 90-plus days than normal this summer, but not as many as we saw last year. Accuweather.com says, so it might be a good time to pop in your AC or get one before prices soar — or your local retail store's stock depletes. Yes, it may be pricey this time of year for the unit and your electric bill, but can you *really* put a price on comfort?

Slurp your way to cool

If you have \$1.50, BYO Cup Day returns to

7-Eleven on Friday and Saturday. As long as your "cup" of choice is clean (don't be *that* person, OK?), watertight and fits within a 10-inch hole on the store's standee, the possibilities are endless, so get creative. Past vessels have included popcorn tins, fish tanks and even a Darth Vader helmet.

Park it

From catching some rays on Central Park's Sheep Meadow and the Long Meadow in Prospect Park to finding some shade in Washington Square Park, it's the perfect time to visit one of the city's more than 1,700 parks — and maybe hop into a fountain or take advantage of a splash pad.

Booze on a boat

The sunny days and mild nights might be a good time to not only drink outside, but to do it on one of the city's waterways, ferries or floating bars. Visit metro.us/best-waterfront-bars-nyc for a list.

Beach yourself

While your favorite local beach and its deliciously refreshing breeze is just a train — or ferry — ride away, be warned that water temperatures are still "dangerously low," Accuweather.com reported. And while you might be tempted to literally take the plunge, keep in mind that NYC beaches are officially closed for swimming, with no lifeguards on duty, until May 27.



A group of dogs and a dog walker took a break from the heat at Washington Square Park. **BILLY BECERRA**



A group shot some hoops at Coney Island. **LUC KORDAS**



A man kept cool in the fountain at Washington Square Park. **GETTY IMAGES**

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John McCain compares Trump/Russia scandal to Watergate as investigation grows

The Senate's cranky grandpa and former GOP presidential candidate goes there, as the ground shifts in the unfolding drama.

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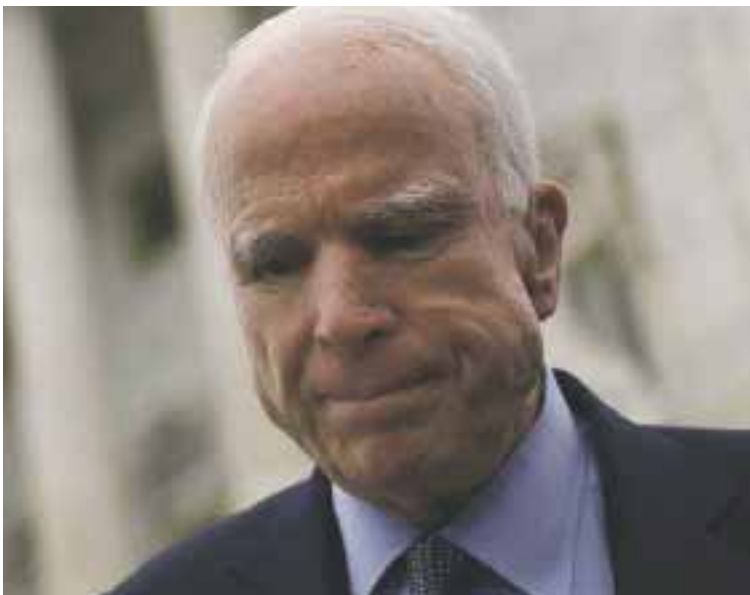
On Tuesday, Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, said the word that no Republican had yet dared to speak in connection with the unfolding Trump/Russia controversy: Watergate.

At an event in D.C., McCain said the drama emanating from Trump has reached "Watergate size and scale." He added, "This is not good for the country."

McCain — who is burnishing his reputation as a straight-shooting stalwart — spoke up after a

New York Times story revealed that Trump allegedly pressured former FBI Director James Comey to abandon an investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn. Comey kept a memo of the February meeting. Trump fired Comey last week, raising the question of whether the president obstructed justice by trying to impede the FBI's investigation into ties between his presidential campaign and Russia.

McCain is the highest-profile Republican to criticize the president in this way. Rep. Justin Amash, R-Michigan, was the first GOP member to raise the prospect of impeachment. Asked by The Hill if Comey's memo would warrant impeachment if true, Amash said, "Yes." He added, "But everybody gets a fair trial in this country." At a reporter's



Sen. John McCain is the highest-profile Republican to liken the current scandal to Watergate. GETTY IMAGES

prodding, Amash said he had "more confidence in" Comey than Trump. Democrats, mean-

while, have started to use the word "impeachment" themselves. Rep. Al Green, D-Texas, called

for Trump's impeachment on the House floor. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-California, has

not been reticent to use the term and has been rewarded with memes as a result. Maine's Sen. Angus King, an independent, has floated the prospect.

Although they did not use the "I" or "W" words, several Democrats — led by House intelligence committee members Adam Schiff and Eric Swalwell — held a news conference calling for an independent commission to investigate the Trump/Russia matter. On Wednesday afternoon, former FBI Director Robert Mueller was appointed to oversee such an inquiry.

Also on Wednesday, House Speaker Paul Ryan said he had confidence in Trump, but there are reports that the ground is shifting as of the latest Times story, with more Republicans calling for an investigation.

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Entrepreneur and former L'Oreal exec brings a salon to women who can't get to one by themselves.



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Kate Arian isn't just a woman who does nails.

Her company, ManiCare, does give manicures and pedicures to the hospitalized and homebound, but the New Jersey native and former marketing executive for L'Oreal found a circuitous route to nail-care entrepreneurship.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 2011, her cystic fibrosis (CF) required her to have a double lung transplant, with a long recovery afterward. While hospitalized, she found that care for women beyond the medical — feeling beautiful, tending to one's daily regimen — went out the window.

With that need in mind, she started ManiCare in 2015 and never looked back. Based in Manhattan, the traveling salon now offers its services in Philly, Boston, along the East Coast and in Cleveland and Chicago.

Q: How long after your surgeries did you stew before starting ManiCare?

A: I had the idea for ManiCare while recovering from surgery, but I did actually go on to hold two corporate jobs before becoming the full-time founder and CEO. I had the ManiCare website up, though, within a month of returning home in post-transplant mode in 2011.

Q: Are you used to pampering yourself, and what did not having those amenities in the hospital do to your spirit?

A: [Laughs] I have a "fancy disposition," my mom says. I have always relished a nice outfit, jewelry and beauty



BRIEFS

Teen arrested after fire rips through Manhattan synagogue

A teen has been arrested in connection to a fire that destroyed a historic synagogue on New York's Lower East Side Sunday night, police said.

"The 14-year-old male was charged with arson. The investigation is ongoing," the NYPD told Metro.

According to PIX 11, NYPD Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said Tuesday that a surveillance

video showing several teens fleeing the area around when the blaze began was under review, but police have not identified any other suspects at this time.

The synagogue is some 167-years-old, was built in 1850 as a Baptist church and converted to a synagogue in 1885, and is believed to be the nation's oldest Russian Orthodox Jewish congregation, the New York Daily News reported.
SAM NEWHOUSE

Citi Bike proposes five-borough expansion in NYC with a few requests

Citi Bike pitched a five-borough expansion — at no direct cost to taxpayers — to New York City, a source said.

Motivate, Citi Bike's parent company, proposed adding 6,000 bikes, with two-thirds of them going to areas that currently lack docking stations, like the Bronx and Staten Island.

The company will foot the cost of the expansion, but is asking the

city for some quid pro quo:

- Expanded advertisement space on docks.

- Reaffirmation of the exclusivity agreement with the city, continuing Citi Bike's reign as New York City's only bike sharing service.

- Flexibility with pricing to allow pricing schedules that would benefit both residents and tourists.

- No more fines and recoupment fees.

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journey from success

treatments. Feeling and looking your personal best is a very empowering and motivating thing. It can restore dignity and humanity. Sometimes, unfortunately, it's all you can do for someone who is very ill.

Q: You give a portion of your proceeds to various charities. Have you ever been attached to any charitable endeavor before this?



A: My parents run a charity to help patients with CF and their families afford medical care not covered by insurance and/or lifestyle costs associated with their medical burdens. I was taught from a young age about giving back — both from my family and at my Jewish day school — and throughout all of my own challenges, I was always aware that there

were those less fortunate.

Q: What is the age range of those who use your services?

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Several escalators in the 86th Street station on the Second Avenue subway line are out of service due to water damage. MTA FLICKR

Water damages, closes escalators at Second Avenue subway's 86th Street station

"We are working around the clock to repair the escalators and hope to have a better assessment soon," the MTA said.

email Wednesday.

"We are working around the clock to repair the escalators and hope to have a better assessment soon," Ortiz said.

To help alleviate commuter bottlenecks while the escalators are being repaired, additional MTA staff will be on hand on the platform and mezzanine levels to direct foot traffic.

Ortiz said the nature of the repair work is complicated "because of the water damage and repair includes examining every single step — 250-plus steps — on the escalators to ensure that they are safe when we restart them."

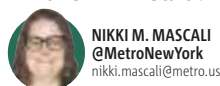
The malfunction at the 86th Street station comes just days after the MTA unveiled a six-point plan that aims to get to the root of frequent issues plaguing its more-than-100-year-old

subway system — and regain straphangers' confidence.

Adding 750 new cars to its train fleet through September 2018, improving tech that addresses those ever-present "signal issues" and focusing on alleviating bottlenecks at areas where multiple train lines merge are among the focal points of the new initiative.

Phase I of the century-in-the-making Second Avenue subway officially opened to the public on Jan. 1 and was the largest expansion of the city's subway system in 50 years, according to MTA info.

Service on the line will eventually extend from 125th Street in Harlem to Hanover Square in the Financial District and include 16 new stations and easy transfers to other lines and commuter rail.



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Less than six months after opening, Manhattan's Second Avenue subway has fallen prey to an equipment malfunction: Escalators are out of service at the line's 86th Street station.

The escalators at the station's 83rd Street entrance went out of service after sustaining water damage when faulty sensors activated the station's sprinkler system on Monday, MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz told Metro via

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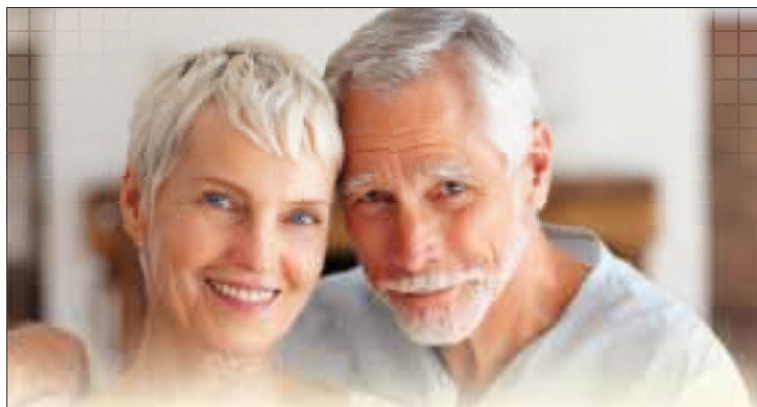
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US immigration arrests up nearly 40 percent under President Trump

That increase is a result of recent guidance given by Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly to implement Trump's executive orders on interior immigration enforcement and border security signed on Jan. 25, just days after the Republican president took office.

U.S. arrests of suspected illegal immigrants rose by nearly 40 percent in the first 100 days of Donald Trump's presidency, following executive orders that broadened the scope of who could be targeted for immigration violations, according to government data released on

Wednesday.

The acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Thomas Homan said that arrests by his agency jumped to 41,318 between January 22 of this year and the end of April, up from 30,028 arrests in roughly the same period last year.

Of those arrested almost two-thirds had criminal convictions. But there was also a significant jump - of more than 150 percent - in the number of immigrants not convicted of further crimes arrested by ICE: 10,800 since the beginning of the year compared to 4,200 non-criminal arrests in the same period in 2016.

"Those that enter the country illegally, they do violate the law, that is a criminal act," Homan said on the call,



Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from the Department of Homeland Security executing search warrants. GETTY IMAGES

while emphasizing that immigrants who pose a threat to national security or have criminal records are still a priority for the agency.

He said ICE will con-

tinue to target people who have been issued a final order of removal by an immigration judge even if they have not committed another crime.

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While President Barack Obama was also criticized for deporting a large number of immigrants, most of them were recent border crossers apprehended

entering the country illegally.

Deportations under Trump have actually fallen by 12 percent compared to the same period under Obama, Homan said, as more people arrested in the interior typically have more complicated cases that can get slowed down in the backlogged immigration court system.

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RALLYING THE REPUBLICANS

When Democrats talk to Republicans here in D.C., they rarely use gentle tones. The bitter feud between the two major parties was made no better by the vicious 2016 election and the Democrats' electoral collapse. Accordingly, ever since Inauguration Day, Dems have flung relentless curses at their political opponents — even if decorum has kept most of the profanity muted.

But now from Capitol Hill to K Street, an unexpectedly gentler call is echoing. It is faint, but day by day more congressional Democrats are pleading with any Republicans who will listen: Help us.

Help with what, you say? The Dems want help getting a net around the Trump administration and this whole nasty mess about the Russians meddling in the election. They want GOPers to join their campaign for an independent counsel to oversee the FBI investigation. They want their colleagues across the aisle to let the president know he will

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."



effectively be a man without a party if he does not cooperate with the probe. In short, in political terms, they want the moon and the stars.

And they might — just might — get it.

With each new revelation (and denial by Team Trump) you can feel the tremors rattling through Republicanland. Sure, they enjoy holding the

House of Representatives, the Senate and the White House, and they know that gives their party immense power. But they also know the punishment from voters could be extremely damaging if they are perceived to be helping cover up some screwy cloak-and-dagger scheme.

Mind you, I said, "perceived." We have no proof yet that the Trump group, writ large, did anything wrong. But the drumbeat for a fair, open and thorough investigation is getting louder and could soon be deafening — drowning out all attempts by the president or his party to talk about anything else. And let's face it, President Trump has not exactly charmed his own party's rank and file.

Given those circumstances, yeah — some Republicans are showing some inclination to listen to the Democratic pleas. And if enough do, this storm may not easily pass the White House — but could rage and rage.

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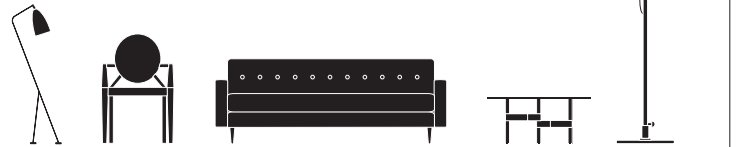
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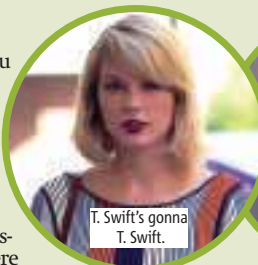
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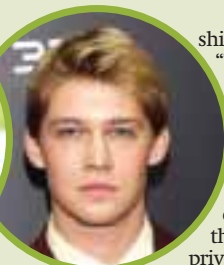
In recent months, if you listened ever so slightly, head bowed toward the Earth's center, you could hear the wind whispering, "Where TF is Taylor Swift?"

The pop star has been laying relatively low in the last year. But not anymore! The "Style" singer is making a comeback to the spotlight — but only because she has a new British boyfriend now. Classic her!

The Sun reports that Swift has been secretly dating Joe Alwyn, a 26-year-old actor, for sev-



T. Swift's gonna T. Swift.



eral months. Alwyn is a rising star in the film industry who still lives with his parents. And 'cause Tay Tay does the most, she has taken to wearing a variety of disguises when she sees him to avoid being identified by the media. I'm talking scarves, hats, and wigs.

A close friend of Swift confirmed the relationship, saying, "This isn't a new-couple alert or a secret relationship... she and Joe decided early on to keep their private life private." Seems like a novel concept for Swift, but what do I know?

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Jennifer Lawrence will not apologize for dancing on that stripper pole

As one of Hollywood's Cool Girls, Jennifer Lawrence is very hashtag-relatable. Stars, they're just like us! Except they're not burdened with crippling debt and an eczema patch that refuses to go away. Now, she's dancing on a stripper pole and refusing to apologize for having a good time.

Radar Online published a video of the 26-year-old hanging at the Beverly Hills Club in Vienna, Austria, where she's filming "Red Sparrow." In the video, Lawrence reportedly dances with a man and then bumps and/or grinds on a stripper pole. God forbid a woman goes out and has fun.

Anyway, the "Mother" star quickly offered her side of the story via Facebook. "Nobody wants to be reminded that they tried to dance on a stripper pole by the internet. It was one of my best friends' birthdays and I dropped my paranoia guard for one second to have fun. I'm not going to apologize, I had a BLAST that night."

I think the most shocking part of this is that J.Law took to Facebook to address the faux controversy. Like, who uses Facebook anymore?



Girls just wanna have fun, ya know?
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Jamie Foxx and Katie Holmes consider going public



Are y'all ready for this?



Jamie Foxx and Katie Holmes are out gallivanting in Paris right now because maybe, just maybe, they're ready to make their romance public.

Us Weekly has the exclusive story of a man named Jamie and a woman named Katie who fell in love four years ago and found a romance for the ages. What was meant to be a flirty summer fling turned into something more, and Katie just can't bear to hide it anymore!

The 38-year-old is now ready to tell the world that she's Jamie's

girl. "She's tired of playing this hiding game," says a source. "She's head-over-heels for him."

Since early May, she's been in Paris, where Foxx, 49, is filming a "Robin Hood" remake. Because if there's anything we need more than another King Arthur movie, it's another Robin Hood flick.

"[They] plan to start going public. She gushes about how amazing he is," the source says. "She says she loves him from the tips of her toes to the top of her head." Step aside, Wordsworth, this is some dang poetry!



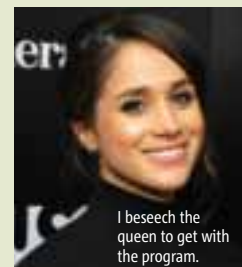
If you're wondering what the engagement prospects are for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, keep your bet firmly set to, "Well, maybe!"

According to The Mirror and the Daily Ex-

press, there's a delicious rumor going 'round that the Hot Ginger Prince has been granted the permission to pop the question. "The way it's going, the engagement will probably happen this year," a source says. "Harry has got approval from the queen to propose to Meghan. ... An engagement is imminent."

So yeah, looks like things are still very serious between these two, in case you were wondering. They've been having a great time, OK?

This weekend,



I beseech the queen to get with the program.

she'll be joining Harry at Pippa Middleton's wedding to James Matthews. And while I'm not saying I hope that these two steal the show — I mean, that would be rude — I also wouldn't mind if they did.

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Carol Kane on the hopeful world of “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt”

Why the legend thinks season 3 is the best yet.



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The upcoming season of Tina Fey's hit “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” (back this Friday) will take on Kimmy's matriculation to college, Titus' reflection on his career and romances and — hold up. Lillian is running for office?

We spoke to Carol Kane, who plays kooky free spirit Lillian, about how the brilliantly funny series balances an upbeat outlook with serious issues, and what's in store for our favorite stoop crone.

I really love Lillian because she is so strange but really endearing. What is it that attracts you to these kooky characters?

A big thing about Lillian is her passion, what she believes in she'll just go to the ground for. She'll do anything. And also her lack of being able to edit herself [laughs]. Whatever she thinks comes out her mouth. She's very brave. She doesn't really care what any-

body thinks of what she says or does. I admire that about her. I'm much more self-conscious about what I say or do than Lillian.

The gentrification story line last season was subtle but powerful. And the show does a really good job of balancing being funny with bringing awareness around an issue.

And that is going to get enhanced this year, because at the end of last season someone came to [Lillian's] door and said, “If it really means that much to you, why don't you



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run for office?” And I'm taking that on. I do run for office, so my fight against gentrification becomes more official and louder. I also meet a special someone through that fight. I meet a sort of archenemy who becomes a beloved person in my life.

The show never reveals what part of New

York its taking place in exactly. But you film in Brooklyn right? We film in Brooklyn and I think that gentrification is huge in the city. When I was young and growing up in the city, every neighborhood was so specific and had its little community that was very well defined, and now you get on the subway at 72nd on the West Side and you go all the way down to SoHo and you get off the subway and you see the exact same bank and the exact same store as when

you got on the subway. Used to be you got off and you were in Wonderland. It was all very different and specific, and I really miss that.

There's a lot of positivity that's depicted. The show features a much more hopeful New York than the one that exists in this current political climate.

It's hard to have a lot of hope right now. But you know, people are fighting. People are fighting for their rights and always will be. Each

individual voice is critical, especially now. And I do think that Lillian demonstrates that and Kimmy and Titus and even [Jacqueline] are having a whole new life since she broke up with her rich guy. She's on her own and making something of her life, against great odds. Everyone in the show is sort of hopeful against great odds. And they're all fighters.

Season 3 of “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” premieres on May 19 on Netflix.



In the third season of “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,” Carol Kane's Lillian gets political. NETFLIX

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Geek Girl in Hollywood

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So many articles have been written about the recent gay sex scene in the third episode of "American Gods." I just wanted to add my two cents.

My two cents, by the way, are coming from a straight white woman, and they should be taken in that context. My horse in this race is connected to the way women vs. men are portrayed in sex scenes. I will leave it to those who are part of the LG-BTQ community and the Middle Eastern community to make the incredibly important points about how this scene, between the characters Salim (Omid Abtahi) and the Jinn (Mousa Kraish), affects them. All I can add with any authority is the angle that affects me personally: equal



A sex scene between Salim (Omid Abtahi) and the Jinn (Mousa Kraish) has become the center of some great discussions recently. **STARZ**

On the gay sex scene on 'American Gods'

opportunity nudity.

Showrunner Bryan Fuller spoke about how Starz required equal opportunity nudity, something we've seen in shows like "Spartacus," "Black Sails" and "Power." One wouldn't think this should be a radical thing, but the way sex has been portrayed throughout the history of television (and film and video games, etc.), it is.

If you ever wanted evidence that the greater part of entertainment is focused on the straight male gaze, all you have to do is consider any series that shows nudity. "Game of

Thrones," for instance? When it has male nudity, it's usually when that part of the body is suffering some sort of harm. Couldn't possibly make that sexual, could we? Then look again at how so many scenes feature naked women just as background decoration. Nudity is fine in my book, as I've said many times. The way it's focused almost exclusively on pleasing straight men is not.

We see this over and over again. Go ahead and put your favorite films or TV shows to this test. Whose nudity did you see? I'm not talking about butts

here. Whose actual naughty bits were put on display? How often is it the woman you see completely naked but not the man?

For the angle I'm covering here, I'll say this: We're told, as

women, that our bodies are objects and that the straight male gaze is far more important than our own. We're told we aren't supposed to want to see these things, but it's fine because guys do and we're here to

please them. The fact that Starz has taken this step, acknowledging that straight white men are not the only people who appreciate sexuality and want to see their own represented, is encouraging.

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Hearing international guitarists in Brookfield Place's Winter Garden beats the heck out of pretending your college boyfriend was playing more than one chord on the quad. Paying homage to the East Asian tradition of "raga," or musical tone, a roster of musicians will play guitars as well as sitars, sarods, tablas and drums all day, followed by a late-night after-party with DJ Rekha starting at 10:30 p.m. **May 19, 8 a.m.-midnight, Brookfield Place, 230 Vesey St., free, brookfieldplaceny.com**

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Drink like a feminist at the Speed Rack National Finals, where the best female bartenders from around the country compete to make the fastest drinks and raise funds for breast cancer charities. It's down to just 16 finalists of about 200 regional contenders to earn the title of Ms. Speed Rack 2017, while you sample boozy punches and small bites. **May 21, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Weylin, 175 Broadway, \$30, speed-rack.com**

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Immigrants welcome here

In Elia Kazan's 1961 epic "America, America," a Turkish family spends the entire film fighting to make it to the U.S. — the land of promise and freedom. Then again, it's set in the late 19th century.

"Movies are like a machine that generates empathy," goes Roger Ebert's famous line. The dozen or so films in "Immigrant Songs," a series at the newly renovated Quad theater, offer plenty of it.

They're stories of triumph, of assimilation, sometimes of strife. Some of their heroes are saintly; some, not so much. You have the Guatemalan siblings of 1983's "El Norte," who

trek to California, where demoralizing jobs and tragedy await.

You also have the coked-up gun nut of Brian De Palma's "Scarface."

"The Godfather Part II"
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In between are bitter-sweet odes to outsiders making their way in our fine country. The Russian immigrants of Barry Levinson's "Avalon" and

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Don Bluth's mouse-centric "An American Tail" more or less fare well, as does Eddie Murphy's African prince in "Coming to America."

Then there's the German vagrant of Werner Herzog's "Stroszek," who finds only despair and a dancing chicken. Robert De Niro plays two very different Mafioso in "The Godfather: Part II" and "Once Upon a Time in America," who only nab the American dream by thinking outside the box.

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To find New York City's hottest new cheesecake, you'll have to venture into the heart of Chinatown.

Pan-Asian bakery Keki Modern Cakes just opened at 77-79 Mott St., the first spot in the U.S. to serve a light-as-air sweet treat called "Japanese bouncy cheesecake" that's already a full-blown sensation

overseas, says owner Lawrence Wai.

"I travel extensively through Asia, and I have seen this everywhere," says Wai, who first tried the cheesecake in Taiwan about a year ago after waiting his turn at a mobbed bakery. "I'm not much of a sweets person myself, but everyone's curiosity gets the better of them, so we stood in line — and it was worth it."

Having also stood in line ourselves, we can attest to that. The shop has been open barely a month and the bouncy cheesecake is already so popular

that anyone who doesn't order ahead is looking at a 15-minute wait for the next batch to come out of the oven.

To bring the cake to New York, Wai recruited executive chef Kevin Kim. Fusing his backgrounds as an alum of both Per Se and Nobu, Kim's secret is French meringue to give the dessert its bounciness.

While the cake's color and appearance are both classic cheesecake, the confection gives a jiggle that would make Jell-O envious. Made simply enough with cream cheese from Amish farms,

organic milk and free-range eggs, its top is a fluffy cake, progressing into a dense mousse as you go down, a play on textures that's essential in Asian desserts. The taste, however, is the same unmistakable richness and sweetness of cheesecake.

The bouncy cheesecake might steal the show, but the shop's other specialty — a Taiwanese cake called Castella — deserves a shout out, too. A delicately sweet pound cake that's been puffed full of so much air it practically floats comes with the option to add a layer

of whipped creamlike frosting (we highly recommend this).

And like any other NYC food sensation, people can't wait to show it off. Customers crowd the sidewalk around the shop, phones at the ready, to Instagram all the front-row cake action going on in Keki's picture window where bakers bring their steaming trays fresh from the oven.

"We want everything to appeal to the five senses," Wai explains, "so watching the cake steam as it's freshly cut, the process that we do, to pack-

ing it, is part of the experience."

Wai has plans to open two more locations. The shop's selection will also slowly grow, adding popular flavors like matcha as well as seasonal cakes. And perhaps an item or two celebrating his new hometown.

"Eventually, we're going to try to pay homage to New York, too," he says. "One of our breads is kind of eggy, so we're going to do a ham and cheese sandwich or a pizza."

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Art in the wild

Now that the drab grays of winter are gone, the city's streets and parks are alive again with tons of public art. We've rounded up 11 pieces that'll make you marvel, think and take a selfie or two. **EVA KIS**

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"Earth Potential"

In a short time, we've gone from not being able to see some of our planet's smallest life forms to sequencing their DNA for scientific research. For her work "Earth Potential," Estonian artist Katja Novitskova has created silhouettes of fascinating creatures like squids and round worms, displayed almost like microscope slides on large metal disks printed to look like planets. The works provoke questions about technology and nature, and how much of the world we're truly seeing. **June 22-Nov. 9, City Hall Park, Lower Manhattan**



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"Descension"

Anish Kapoor's swirling whirlpool may seem a little too on-the-nose these days. But in his view, Descension is meant to be a contemplative piece on the infinitely varying nature of water — and humanity itself. So look past the obvious and maybe try to sublimate your emotions by letting them drain away beyond the boundaries of our world. **Through Sept. 10, Pier 1, Brooklyn Bridge Park**

"Here Lie the Secrets of the Visitors of Green-Wood Cemetery"

In the most cathartic art piece of the season, French artist Sophie Calle asks New Yorkers to unburden their souls in one of the city's most spectacular final resting places. "Here Lie the Secrets" will stand in Green-Wood Cemetery for 25 years, inviting visitors to write down their painful confessions and deposit the paper inside a marble obelisk, which stands over a hollow grave. Calle will return occasionally to gather and burn the slips of paper to purge our worries from this life. **Through 2042, Green-Wood Cemetery, 500 25th St., Sunset Park**



SOPHIE CALLE



"Coney Art Walls"

New York City's carnival island was always a hub of a unique kind of art, and last year's debut of "Coney Art Walls" added a new tradition. The 50,000-square-foot outdoor gallery features over 30 murals created by some of the world's best street artists and local celebrities like Ganzeer, Shantell Martin and Crash, joined by pop-up food vendors and special events throughout the season. **May 20-September, noon-10 p.m., 3050 Stillwell Ave., Brooklyn**

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"G.O.A.T., Again"

Jamaican artist Nari Ward had all five acres of Socrates Sculpture Park to build his show "G.O.A.T., Again," a seemingly whimsical collection of six sculptures featuring goats that delves into the complex issue of pride and how it can both mislead and empower. The clue is in the name: G.O.A.T. is a nod to its subjects, and an acronym for Muhammad Ali's personal title, "Greatest of All Time." *Through Sept. 4, Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.*

"Hippo Ballerina"

Adding a whimsical touch to the Lincoln Center neighborhood is Bjorn Okholm Skaarup's tutu-clad "Hippo Ballerina," ready for her debut on one of the city's most prestigious stages. The "Fantasia"-esque bronze sculpture stands 15 feet tall and is clad in a copper ballerina ensemble. Best part: Take a selfie with the statue and tag it #DanceWithHippoBallerina for a chance at real-life ballet tickets. *Through July 31, Dante Park, at 64th Street and Broadway.*



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"Human Structures"

Just outside one of the city's busiest transit hubs, Penn Station, "Human Structures" is a call to pause and consider how we could be living a better life by connecting with each other. Artist Jonathan Borofsky's colorful figures stand on top of each other to build a pyramid, showing how we can reach higher and farther together than alone. Explore the sculpture while enjoying pop-up performances of music and other entertainment all summer. *Ongoing, Plaza33, 33rd Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues.*

"Open House"

One of New York City's legendary ballrooms is once again open — this time for anyone to enjoy. Liz Glynn's 26 concrete sculptures re-create the Gilded Age-era ballroom of a long-gone Fifth Avenue mansion with grand archways and delicately carved Louis XIV-style chairs, ottomans and sofas. In a city where the class divide is growing ever wider, "Open House" invites anyone to experience a taste of 1900s opulence in Central Park. *Through Sept. 24, Doris C. Freedman Plaza, 60th Street and Fifth Avenue.*



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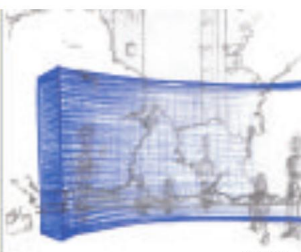
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"The Floaters"

Though New York has many amazing pools, none of them are on the High Line. No worries — muralist Henry Taylor has created a larger-than-life pool scene of himself and friends relaxing in a Palm Springs swimming pool called "The Floaters." Just try not to hear the Beach Boys at you take in the 1960s vibe and perfect summer color palette. *Through March 2018, The High Line at West 22nd Street.*

"Prismatic Park"

While Josiah McElheny's three wood-and-glass structures that make up "Prismatic Park" — a curved blue sound wall, a red-and-yellow pavilion and a green circular stage — are art themselves, they also serve as a space to create new art. Performance collective Blank Forms, dance troupe Danspace Project and Poets House will "inhabit" the glimmering exhibit to develop new works, while anyone who feels inspired is also welcome to follow his or her muse. *June 13-Oct. 8, Madison Square Park, Madison Avenue between 23rd and 26th streets.*



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Touch the sky in Pittsburgh

The theme of summer 2017 in the City of Champions is high-flying fun.

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With apologies to Boston, Pittsburgh was the first City of Champions. Pennsylvania's rising city has been reaching for sporting glory since the Civil War and was the site of the first-ever football game in 1892.

Sitting at the intersection of three rivers also means Pittsburgh has tons of water-based sports. In August, both enthusiasts and professionals will come out to play during the annual Three Rivers Regatta, which will be held from Aug. 4-6.

Red Bull Flugtag

The festival's main event will be the **Red Bull Flugtag**, a unique and unpredictable event that would make the Wright brothers gasp. Every year, the brave competitors of Flugtag, which means "flying day" in German, have a chance to rewrite aviation history as their staggering variety of aircraft take off from the 22-foot-high "flight deck." Distance traveled, creativity of the craft and showmanship make up the criteria for Flugtag teams, with each event attracting up to 300,000 spectators.

The concepts are left of center at Flugtag, to say the least. In recent years, aviators have created flying tacos, pterodactyls and even Winnebagoes with wings. Relatively conventional aircraft, such as Snoopy and his pals, have graced the skies as well.

Showmanship counts. Participants often sport outrageous costumes, create their own skits and make their own soundtracks.

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Three Rivers Regatta

There is more to the weekend-long water



Meet Fawkes the golden pheasant at The National Aviary. **FACEBOOK**

festival than these gravity-defying daredevils. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the **Three Rivers Regatta**, with tons of powerboats providing plenty of high-speed action to spectators along Point State Park along with jet ski stunt shows, a music

festival and a floating parade of lights after dusk.

When you're hungry, walk a short distance to Roberto Clemente Bridge, where an array of food trucks await with everything from Pittsburgh's signature pierogies to pizza. There will also be a marketplace and, to continue with the theme of hitting the heights, you can take a ride on the Wheel of Lights, a giant gondola Ferris wheel.

Sightseeing from above

The best way to experience Pittsburgh is also from the sky, though not on Flugtag. Head to the top of the city courtesy of its two funiculars. Board the **Duquesne Incline** for a spectacular view of the city's three rivers and more as the car clicks upward from Pittsburgh's Southside neighborhood. After peaking at 800 feet, step out and gaze at the stunning gateway to the city's Golden Triangle (more commonly

known as the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh).

Back on the ground

If you would like to experience flight from another perspective, check out **The National Aviary**. The nation's only indoor nonprofit zoo is home to more than 500 birds, 150 of which are threatened or

endangered. Don't miss the striking hyacinth macaw and the green-backed trogon, and of course the playful African penguins. Make some new friends in the lorikeet exhibit by purchasing a cup of nectar.

The tech-minded kids (and adults!) hang out at the **Carnegie Science Center**. The Sportworks side of the

facility offers nearly 30 interactive experiences in the categories of LifeWorks, Physics of Sports and Sports Challenge. Scale a 25-foot rock climbing wall, or don some serious climbing gear and hit the 21-foot zero gravity wall. If you love a thrill ride, hang on as you ride the simulated roller coasters.



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Sicily is back on the map

The Italian island has plenty to lure food-loving travelers.

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For far too long, Sicily has received a bad rap, be it for its association with overly sweet Marsala cooking wine to its ties to the less-than-sweet mafia.

However, in recent years, this Mediterranean island located at Italy's southern tip has started to blossom as a food and wine destination that can compete with Tuscany and Rome. In fact, Sicily has become one of the country's leading wine producers and even has its share of Michelin-starred restaurants.

So grab your passport and *mangia!* Here's the ultimate food and wine lover's guide to Sicily.

Go on a food crawl through Palermo

No trip to Sicily would be complete without tasting some of the region's cuisine staples.

One of the best ways to try a little bit of everything is embarking on a food crawl through the city of Palermo. A few can't-miss Sicilian dishes include arachine, deep-fried rice balls stuffed with meat and cheese; capanota, an eggplant stew that's usually served as an appetizer; baked anelletti, essentially gourmet Spaghetti-Os; pane con la milza, a fried pork spleen and cheese sandwich; and a granita, a refreshing dessert that's a mix of shaved ice, sugar and fruit.

Several local outfitters offer daily food tours around the city. Another good way to eat your



A day trip to Favignana Island is well worth it. Bring a picnic!
MARTIN LISSMYR, FLICKR

way through Sicily is by visiting one of its farmers' markets. One of the largest ones is Mercato Ballaro and features dozens of vendors selling fresh produce, meat, spices, pastries and olive oil.

Take a day trip to Favignana Island

A short ferry ride from the city of Trapani is all it takes to reach Favignana,

a commune that's part of the Aegadian Islands.

A longstanding tradition amongst Sicilians is, as soon as you disembark, to make a beeline for Bar du Marinaru, a no-frills espresso bar located steps away from the ferry landing, for a pistachio espresso. The layered drink is a Favignana original and has a base of vibrantly green pistachio cream.

Afterward, take a tour of Florio, a museum dedicated to the island's tuna industry, which was once one of the largest on the Mediterranean.

End the day at Caffè Aegusa and order a gelato con brioche, a gelato sandwich made with a brioche bun — a Sicilian specialty.

La Madia in the town of Licata has become the de facto restaurant for Sicilian cuisine. Over the years the restaurant has picked up its fair share of awards, namely two Michelin stars and a deserved spot on The World's 50 Best Restaurants list.

And while the menu can change based on Chef Pino's whims, he sticks to Sicilian classics infused with a twist, such as pinecone-smoked fish; an "anchovy painting" made with fresh anchovies, squid ink and tuna bottarga mayonnaise; and a "cloud of Caprese," a riff on the popular Italian dish but made with mozzarella foam that's encased in milk skin and served in a pool of plum tomato juice.

Palermo, Baglio Soria Resort & Wine Experience gives visitors the opportunity to experience wine from all angles.

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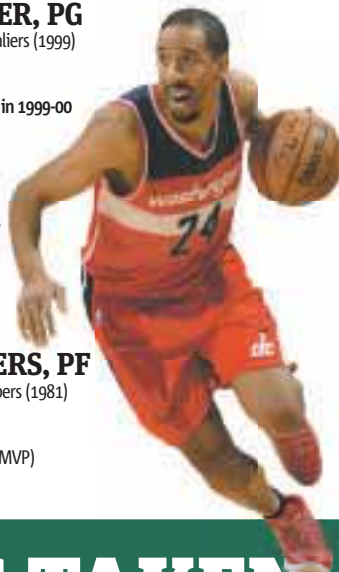
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College: Illinois Wesleyan University
Years in league: 14
All-Star Games: 7
Titles won: 1 (1979)
Points scored: 17,287
Rebounds: 10,816

**TOM CHAMBERS, PF**

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Years in league: 16
All-Star Games: 4 ('87 ASG MVP)
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College: Washington
Years in league: 16
All-Star Games: 3
2-time Sixth Man of the Year winner
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Rebounds: 7,023

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Drafted by: Boston Celtics (1957)
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All-Star Games: 5
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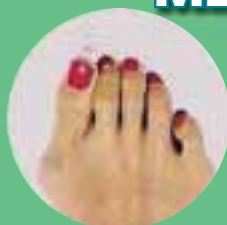


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In a country that became filled with "political activists" who take to the streets to protest without any credibility, one man has come forth and decided it was time to put his money where his mouth is. NBA Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal has announced that he will be running for sheriff in 2020.

O'Neal has not yet disclosed where he will be running but he does not seem to be joking around about his campaign. This is no political stunt.

I think this a wonderful move by Shaq, and I am delighted to see that someone of his stature and fame is stepping up to help bring a community together.

In the past, we have seen former pro athletes run for political positions but Shaq running for sheriff is a whole different ball game.

SID ROSENBERG

OPINION

Sid Rosenberg co-hosts 'The Bernie and Sid Show' on WABC in New York. You can reach him on Twitter @SidRosenberg



Now I would not rule out Shaq running for office at some point down the line, but this is a great place to start if he truly wants to make a difference for this coun-

try in the future.

Shaq is working from the ground up and will be able to learn the ins and outs of the politics while not being totally engulfed in it.

By Shaq presumably working in law enforcement, it is going to allow him to connect with the people of his community realistically. All too often we see politicians who look perfect, talk perfect, have the "perfect plan," but the world is not perfect and that is what they fail to realize.

There are too many politicians who come from privileged, white-collar backgrounds who do not fully understand the scope of the citizens in the middle and lower classes.

Shaq has made it clear that he can communicate with all people. In an interview last week, Shaq said "I can put on a suit

and have a conversation with Bill Gates. I can go in the hood and talk to the homies, and talk to the children," in regards to why he is right for the position. What he says is absolutely true.

There is not a doubt in my mind that when Shaq runs for sheriff, he will win and he will succeed at bringing his community together. He will surround himself with a team of officers and advisors to succeed just as Phil Jackson did for Shaq in Los Angeles while winning three NBA titles.

For someone like Shaq to get up off his retired ass and attempt to make the world a better place is something we need to see from more people in this world.

They say that the people who should be our political leaders are smart enough to stay away from politics. I think it's



Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal wants to trade in a ball for a badge. GETTY IMAGES

time for that narrative to change and I believe that Shaq is the guy to do this. I also believe that Donald Trump being elected president also lit a fire under some of America's greatest leaders.

It's time for the best and the brightest to real-

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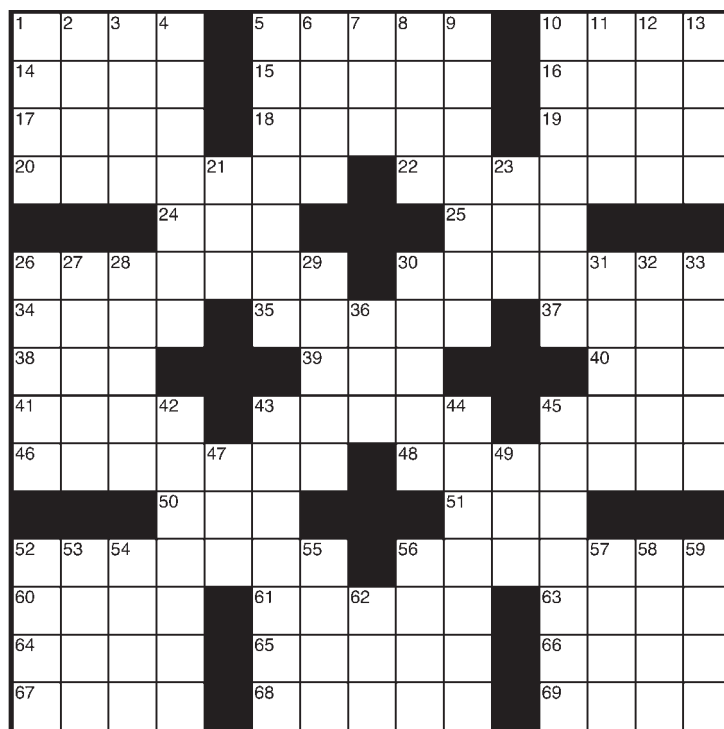
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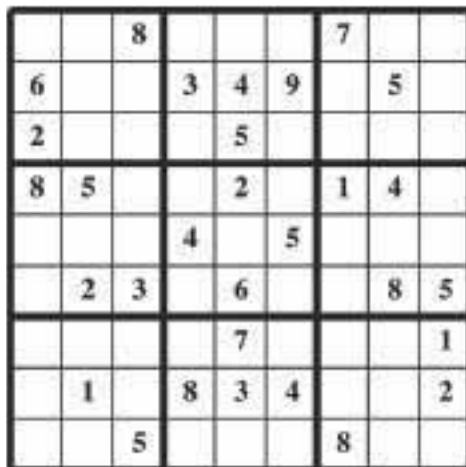
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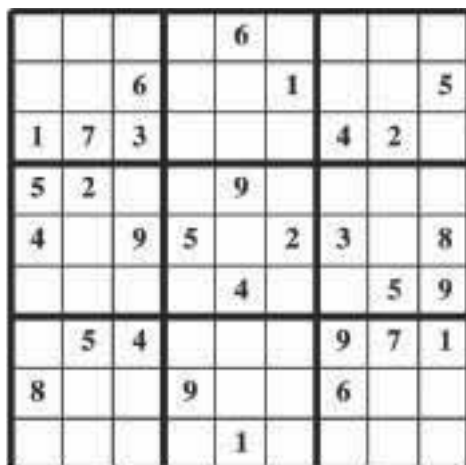


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Aries Do something energetic that will make you feel alive. Exercise and a proper diet, along with doing whatever you can to help others, will enhance your reputation.



Taurus Don't leave anything unfinished, or criticism can be expected. Stay focused on what's important in order to get ahead and enhance your reputation.



Gemini You may not get what you expect. Take a moment to gather your thoughts and consider what you can change in order to ensure the results you want.



Cancer Use your intelligence and look for alternatives if you aren't happy with the way things are going. Don't feel that you must conform to uncomfortable procedures.



Leo Personal growth will help you the most. Trying to work in conjunction with others will be difficult. Your important relationships will require nurturing, not criticism.



Virgo Rise above any emotional uncertainty you face and throw your energy into accomplishing the things that will help you improve your strengths.



Libra Join in, be a participant and enjoy what life has to offer. Entertainment, a shopping trip or a brief outing will prompt you to make personal changes.



Scorpio Don't get sucked into an emotional disagreement that would leave you in a precarious position. If you bide your time, you will come up with a workable solution.



Sagittarius A little charm and enthusiasm and a few compliments will help you get your way. Take advantage of an opportunity to engage in making business deals.



Capricorn A soft approach when dealing with others will help you avoid being called insensitive. Walking away from a situation gracefully will help keep the peace.



Aquarius Dream it and make it happen. Take control and make the changes that you want to see happen in your life. Love and romance are encouraged.



Pisces Taking a short trip or visiting an old friend will give you a different perspective on who you have become and the direction you want to go. EUGENIA LAST

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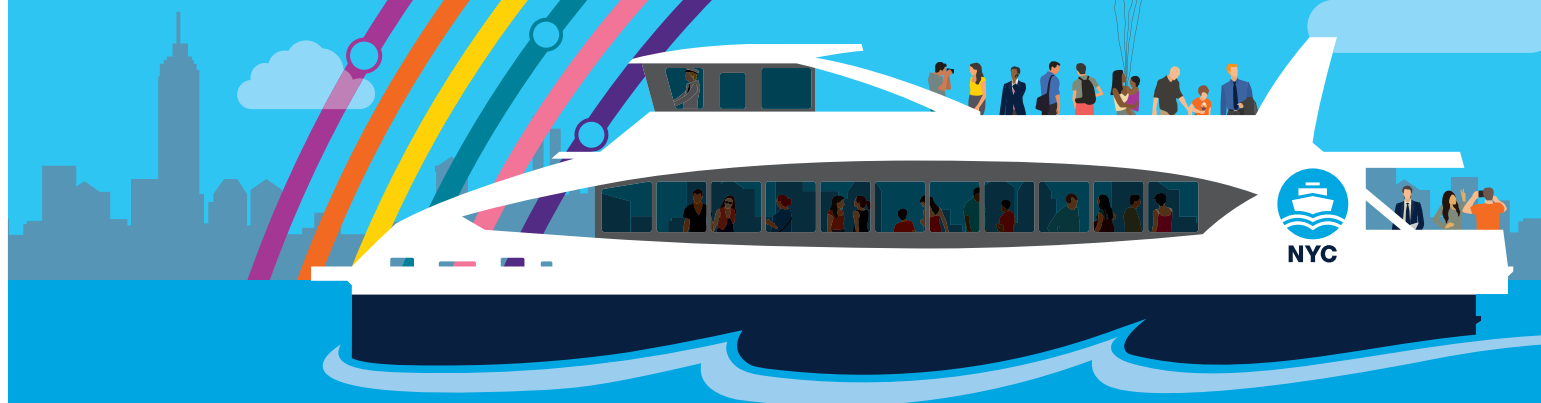


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